

**TOWN OF GRANBY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
January 9, 2013**

PRESENT: Michelle Niedermeyer, Chairman; Kate Bogli, Pam Burek, Erin Pirro, Lucy Lindeyer

GUEST: John O'Brien

Michelle Niedermeyer confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES: ON A MOTION BY Kate Bogli, seconded by Pam Burek, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of December 12, 2012 as written (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

EDUCATION SERIES UPDATE

The first seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 15, 2013** and will run each Tuesday evening four weeks consecutively. The seminars will be held at the *Granby High School Media Center*. These workshops are hands-on. The Media Center will accommodate farmers who do *not* have a portable computer, such as a laptop or tablet. For those who *do* own a laptop or tablet it is advisable to bring your own. The first seminar, *On-Line Interview*, will be sponsored by the Agricultural Commission and will be free. At that seminar, individuals can sign up for the next four for \$25 or pay \$10 per class at the door.

OPEN FARM DAY

Open Farm Day is scheduled for **September 7, 2013**. Pam will start work on seeking sponsorships real soon. Erin Pirro will design a postcard.

TOWN REGULATIONS (Guide for Agricultural Land Use and Farmland)

Lucy Lindeyer met with Granby Town Manager, Bill Smith. Right now there are 75 acres available which could be leased for agricultural purposes. If someone is interested in leasing acreage than they must fill out an application form and adhere to the agricultural land use and farmland guidelines. Lucy commented that she knew of a good land parcel suitable for 4H use.

FARM RELATED ARTICLES

Erin Pirro reminded the commission that submitting articles for publishing are on a first-come-first-serve basis. Regarding other media, Erin update the Ag Commission website.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Erin Pirro has been speaking with the Granby Animal Control Officer, Jen Alban. For those not trained with livestock, farm animals and such, it is always best to call the ACO at 860-844-5335.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: ON A MOTION BY Kate Bogli, seconded by Pam Burek, the Commission voted (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Tappenden
Recording Secretary